

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Public Inquiry on Modification of Service  
Performance Measurement Plan

Docket No. PI2022-3

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued May 25, 2022)

To clarify the record on its proposed "revision to the critical entry time (CET) applicable to Periodicals,"<sup>1</sup> the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. The responses should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than June 3, 2022.

If the Postal Service's response includes any graphical representation of data, please also include the underlying data in the form of an Excel spreadsheet. Such spreadsheets shall preserve all data links and show all formulas used, including weighting factors.

1. Please quantify the amount of mail volume that would be likely impacted by the proposed revision to the CET applicable to Periodicals, disaggregated by product/category and type of processing, as shown below:
  - a. Periodicals, Flats Sequencing System (FSS) mail processing:
    - i. No Bundle Sort Required, 5-Digit Scheme Container.
  - b. Periodicals, Non-FSS mail processing:
    - i. No Bundle Sort Required, 5-Digit Scheme Container; and

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<sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service Notice of Filing Changes to Service Performance Measurement Plan Document, April 22, 2022, at 1, 4.

- ii. Bundle Sort Required, 3-Digit and Up Container.
  - c. Within County Periodicals, any type of mail processing.
  - d. Outside County Periodicals, any type of mail processing.
2. Please identify all geographic areas in the Postal Service network that would be likely impacted by the proposed revision to the CET applicable to Periodicals.
  3. Please confirm that the Postal Service conducted a study to estimate the impact of the proposed revision to the applicable CET on the expected days to delivery for the Periodicals mail class.
    - a. If confirmed, please discuss in detail whether and how the proposed revision to the CET applicable to Periodicals would impact expected days to delivery for the Periodicals mail class, individual products and other categories identified in question 1. If the disaggregated results are not available, please explain why.
    - b. If not confirmed, please explain why the Postal Service has not conducted such a study.
  4. Please explain in detail how the expected delivery date for an individual Periodicals mailpiece would be impacted by its arrival at a facility prior to the CET. In your response, please also discuss a similar impact (if any) for a mailpiece arriving at a facility after the CET has passed.
  5. Please explain in detail how the expected delivery date for an individual Periodicals mailpiece would be impacted by its arrival at a facility after the CET has passed. In your response, please also discuss a similar impact (if any) for a mailpiece arriving at a facility after the CET has passed.

6. Please identify the date on which the Postal Service plans to implement the proposed revision to the CET applicable to Periodicals.

By the Chairman.

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